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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing is [] an original patent application or, [X] a continuation-in-part patent application by ROBERT DVORAK and BETH LI-JU CHEN for A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HANDLING DISRUPTIVE EVENTS AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS.

Also enclosed are:

- [X] 3 sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawing(s);
[X] 13 sheet(s) of specification/abstract;
[X] 8 sheet(s) of claims;
[] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in [] a separate document [] the declaration;
[] a certified copy of the priority document;
[X] Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
[X] Applicant claims small entity status. See Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
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[] Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and ___ references.
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Title	A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HANDLING DISRUPTIVE EVENTS AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS
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